

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the decision of the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated March 16, 2004. Claims 9 and 12-14 are currently pending in this application. As indicated above, Claims 9 and 12 have been amended, and Claims 1-8 and 10-11 have been cancelled. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner still finds allowable subject matter in claims 11 and 12.

In the Office Action the Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Sanders, III et al.* (U.S. 6,026,296), Claims 2, 7, 8, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sanders* in view of *Huotari* (U.S. 5,987,323), Claims 3, 4, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sanders* in view of *Huotari*, and further in view of Applicant's own admission, Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sanders* in view of Applicant's own admission, and further in view of *Alanara et al.* (U.S. 5,878,351), and Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sanders* in view of Applicant's own admission.

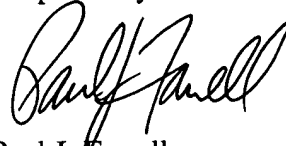
As indicated above, independent Claim 9 has been amended to include the recitations of Claims 10 and 11, which include the allowable recitations cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is now in condition for allowance.

In addition, without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 12-14, allowance of these dependent claims are respectfully requested by virtue of their dependency on independent Claim 9.

As indicated above, Claims 1-8 and 10-11 have been cancelled. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of these claims are moot.

Applicant again gratefully accepts the acknowledgment in the Office Action that dependent Claims 11 and 12 include allowable subject matter. However, in view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicant maintains that all of the pending claims in this application, namely Claims 9 and 12-14, are allowable. Allowance of Claims 9 and 12-14 is thus respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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